Andhra Pradesh are as under:

(a) Madras-Visakhapatnam-Bhubaneswar-Calcutta;

(b) Bombay-Pune-Bangalore-Madras; &

(c) Hyderabad-Vij ayawada.

Concessional DTC Passes to students of National Vocational Training Institute Noida

2228. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that students of National Vocational Training Institute, Noida (sector 8), New Ashok Nagar have requested the D.T.C. Authorities to issue concessional passes to them;

(b) if so, what action DTC authorities have taken thereon; and

(c) by when the facility for concessional passes is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Students of National Vocational Training Institute Noida, Sector-I had made a representation for issue of concessional passes by DTC.

(b) and (c) DTC Free and Concessional Pass Regulations, 1985 do not provide for extending the facilities of concessional passes to the students of those institutions which are located outside Delhi and as such, DTC cannot extend this facility to the students of Vocational Training Institutute, NOIDA (U.P.).

Upgradation of roads in Andhra Pradesh

2229. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the roads in Andhra Pradesh which have been upgraded as National Highways during 1991-92 and also those which are likely to be upgraded as National Highways during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): No new National Highways were added in Andhra Pradesh during 1991-92. A decision about declaration of new National Highways in various States including Andhra Pradesh would be taken up after finalisation of the 8th Plan keeping in view recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee, prescribed criteria for new N.Hs, availability of funds for the purpose, etc. As such, it is too early to indicate which roads in the country including any in Andhra Pradesh would be declared as National Highways during 1992-93.

Purchase Committee of D.T.C.

2230. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allegations of corrupt practices have been made against four-member Purchase Committee of Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) whether this is one of the reasons for deterioration in the functioning of D.T.C. and losses;

(c) if so, whether any investigation/ inquiry is proposed to be conducted regarding purchases made in D.T.C; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No allegation of corrupt practices has been received against the members of the Purchase Committee of DTC.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

इंदौर में बाइपास का निर्माण

2231. श्री राधा किशन मालवीय: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या 3 (आगरा-मुम्बई मार्ग) पर इन्दौर शहर में 31.6 किलोमीटर लम्बे बाईपास के निर्माण के लिए भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया जा चुका है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका निर्माण कार्य कब तक आरम्भ किए जाने की सम्भावना है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) इन्दौर बाईपास का निर्माण, द्वितीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग विश्व बैंक ऋण के अंतर्गत किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है। इस प्रयोजनार्थ विश्व बैंक के साथ बातचीत पूरी हो चुकी है, किन्तु ऋण पर अभी बैंक द्वारा हस्ताक्षर किए जाने शेष हैं। इस बीच, परियोजना को प्रशासनिक मंजूरी दे दी गई है लेकिन बोली लगाने संबंधी कार्य-प्रणाली को विश्व बैंक के सहयोग से अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है। अतः काम शुरू होने की संभावित तारीख बता पाना अभी संभव नहीं है।

Personnel for Ships

2232. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appreared in the Financial Express dated the 28th February, 1992 to the effect that our shipping is stagnating for want of personnel to run the ships; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news paper article mainly speaks of shortage of engineering officers for manning ships of Indian owners as well as foreign owners represented by Foreign Owners Ship Managers Association. There is some shortage of personnel mainly due to buoyancy in Shipping Industry since 1987, following a long period of recession. The following steps have been taken to meet the shortage:

(1) Intake of cadets in pre-sea training institutions has been increased to the full capacity from 1988 onwards.

(2) Special scheme for training science and engineering graduates as officers has been sanctioned to the Shipping Corporation of India.

(3) Indian Shipping Companies have been advised to consider recruiting and training engineers.

(4) Indian Shipping Companies are permitted to take direct entry deck apprentices and workshop trained apprentices.

(5) Issue of continuous discharge certificate (CDC) has been restricted to officers who want to join Indian ships. CDC is refused to those who initially desire to join a foreign flag vessel except in those cases where the officers have been trained by agents of foreign companies at their cost.

(6) The Director General of Shipping has given special dispensation for temporary period in appropriate cases from statutory manning requirements.

(7) Shipping Companies have been given special dispensation by permitting them to employ officers above the age of 60 years subject to their medical fitness for sea service, for a period of 6 months which could be extended, subject to a maximum limit of 62 years.

(8) A Committee on Maritime Education and Training has been constituted, to review, among other, the existing arrangements for maritime training.

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के अधीन सैक्टरों का निजीकरण

2233. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के अधीन विभिन्न सैक्टरों का निजीकरण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के संबंध में ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं:-

(i) **सड़क:** सरकार राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास और अनुरक्षण कार्यों में निजी क्षेत्रों को शामिल करने पर विचार कर रही है। इसकी एक पूर्व-अपेक्षा है-राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग अधिनियम, 1956 में संशोधन करना, जो अभी किया जाना है।

(ii) **सड़क परिवहन:** जन परिवहन प्रणाली के बहुत से क्षेत्रों में निजी क्षेत्र पहले से ही भाग ले रहा है। देश में लगभग दो तिहाई यात्री बसें निजी प्रचालकों के स्वामित्व में है